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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman and Ranking Member,

I am requesting \$1,600,000 in funding for Veterans Memorial Drive (CR 59), Leon County, FL project in fiscal year 2023 through the Highway Infrastructure Project account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Leon County Government located at 301 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

The funding would be used to replace a double 14-foot wide by 8-foot tall pipe-arch bridge on Veterans Memorial Drive (CR 59) in Leon County. The bridge was built in 1901, last reconstructed in 1955, and has reached the point that it is suited for replacement. Although this bridge is located along a federal aid roadway, it has historically ranked low on FDOT's ranking list for bridge replacement funding. This project is a good use of taxpayers funds because it will ensure that Veterans Memorial Drive (CR 59) can continue to be used for interstate commerce and hurricane evacuation. Failure of the roadway would hinder movement out of storm surge areas in Jefferson County as well as Leon County as loss of the roadway would result in an 18-mile detour.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Al Lawson
Member of Congress